

RAJYA SABHA [4 December, 2006]

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Assam				
4.	Bihar	3371	11055	3211	427.691
5.	Chhattisgarh				15.97
6.	Gujarat				7.27
7.	Haryana				12.33
8.	Himachal Pradesh				
9.	J&K				
10.	Jharkhand				3.5
11.	Karnataka	47	85431	57866	84.184
12.	Kerala				
13.	MP.				104.66
14.	Maharashtra				
15.	Manipur				
16.	Meghalaya				
17.	Mizoram				
18.	Nagaland				
19.	Orissa				3.5
20.	Rajasthan	466	3669	1186	
21.	Sikkim				
22.	Tamil Nadu				
23.	Tripura				
24.	Uttar Pradesh	16250	97952	97607	1305.39
25.	Uttaranchal	365	6247	6247	106.58
26.	West Bengal	1166	12090	10767	176.03
TOTAL:		21665	216444	176884	2427.78

Mauda Thermal Power Project

†1284. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the severe power crisis in Vidarbha area of Maharashtra, Mauda Thermal Power Project would be implemented soon;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, by when this thermal power project would be completed; and
(c) the reasons behind non initiation of this thermal power project so far?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE):

(a) to (c) In the course of identification of power projects for NTPC Ltd.'s capacity addition programme, a site near Mauda was identified as one of the prospective sites in Nagpur district of Maharashtra. However, the mines identified for supply of coal to the project in Wardha Valley Coalfields were found to be of very small capacities and scattered over a large area. Therefore, linkage of coal for the project was granted from Ib Valley of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL) in Orissa, located about 600 kms. away. Consequently, the cost of coal transportation works out to be about Rs. 585 per tonne, resulting increase of the cost of power by about 45 Paise/Kwh. Thus, economic ranking of Mauda Thermal Power Project did not compare favourably with NTPC's proposed pit-head based integrated Mega power project in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh with a capacity of 4000 MW for meeting the power requirement of the Western Region beneficiaries including Maharashtra.

However, due to acute shortage of power in Western Region in general and Maharashtra in particular, the Ministry of power held detailed discussions with NTPC and it has been decided that NTPC would revisit the issue and examine the feasibility of setting up of Mauda power project using coal from Ib Valley and discuss with the beneficiary States, which would be willing to buy power at the rate at which this project will be able to offer.

Accordingly, NTPC has carried out various site specific studies such as Topographical Survey, Geo Technical Investigation, Seismic Study, Environmental Impact Assessment Study and Make-up Water Study etc. In-principle commitments for availability of land and water from Gosikhurd Irrigation Project are also available. Necessary action has now been initiated by NTPC Ltd. for completion of balance site specific studies for this power project. Feasibility report of the proposed project based on Ib Valley coal is under finalization. Subject to timely clearances, the project is envisaged to be implemented during the Eleventh Plan period.